SENATE BILL No. 1726

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

February 24, 2006

An act to amend Section 25350 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1726, as introduced, Lowenthal. Vehicles: commercial and common carriers: identification lamps and signs.

(1) Existing law authorizes passenger common carrier motor vehicles, manufactured before January 1, 1968, to be equipped with green identification lamps

Existing law makes violation of operating provisions of the Vehicle Code a crime.

This bill would delete the authorization that passenger common carrier motor vehicles, manufactured before January 1, 1968, to be equipped with green identification lamps; and would thereby create a new crime and impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 25350 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

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25350. Any passenger common carrier motor vehicle manufactured prior to January 1, 1968, may be equipped with green identification lamps. Any A bus may be equipped with an illuminated termini sign, an illuminated identification sign, or any combination thereof, which that shall not project any glaring light. Internally illuminated termini signs, identification signs, or any combination thereof, meeting the requirements of Section 25400 may be mounted inside a bus. Any A commercial vehicle, other than a passenger common carrier motor vehicle, may be equipped with an illuminated identification sign upon the front thereof which shall not exceed 24 inches in length or 8 inches in width and which emits diffused white light without glare.

SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.